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SUBJ: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS TO DANISH PRESS

FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT TO INFORMAL REMARKS TO DANISH
PRESS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AT KASTRUP AIRPORT, AS RE-
CORDED BY USIS.

Q. WILL YOU GO TO MOSCOW TO PREPARE FOR A SUMMIT MEETING
BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY BREZHNEV?

A. WELL, THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS WE'LL DISCUSS.

Q. ARE YOU EXPECTING A WIDENING OF THE NUCLEAR TEST PACT?

A. THAT IS NOT ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS.

Q. WILL YOU DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST IN MOSCOW?

A. ALMOST--YES, CERTAINLY.

Q. IS IT CERTAIN THAT YOU WILL GO TO THE MIDDLE EAST AFTER
THE REST OF THE TRIP?

A. THAT DEPENDS ON THE RABAT SUMMIT AND WHAT THE
VARIOUS MIDDLE EAST LEADERS FEEL, BUT THERE'S A GOOD

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CHANCE.

Q. DO YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RUSSIANS ON THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM?

A. WELL, I WILL DISCUSS IT WITH THE RUSSIANS, BUT IT IS PRINCIPALLY A MATTER FOR THE MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES TO RESOLVE.

Q. DO YOU THINK THE RUSSIANS ARE INTERESTED IN A SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

A. THAT IS WHAT I'LL FIND OUT.

Q. ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE BELLIGERENT CHINESE DECLARATIONS LATELY?

A. WHICH DECLARATIONS?

Q. THE CHINESE BELLIGERENT DECLARATIONS--THAT THEY EXPECT A WAR TO BREAK OUT IN EUROPE DURING THE NEXT GENERATION?

A. OH, I THINK THAT WE HAVE MAINTAINED PEACE IN EUROPE FOR A GENERATION, AND I THINK WE CAN MAINTAIN IT AGAIN.

Q. IT IS REPORTED THAT YOU HAVE A VERY GLOOMY LOOK ABOUT THE CHANCES OF THE WEST.--

A. I DON'T HAVE AT ALL A GLOOMY VIEW. I AM TRYING TO DESCRIBE SOME PROBLEMS WHICH WE HAVE WHICH I AM ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN WE CAN SOLVE ONCE WE RECOGNIZE THEM. YOU DON'T AVOID PROBLEMS BY DENYING THEIR EXISTENCE.

Q. BUT IT DEPENDS ON INFLATION RATE AND THE OIL CRISIS, DOESN'T IT?

A. WELL, THE INFLATION RATE AND THE OIL CRISIS--THE ENERGY CRISIS--DOESN'T END BY PEOPLE NOT ADMIT-
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TING THAT THEY EXIST. I BELIEVE THEY ARE SOLUBLE PROBLEMS.

Q. DO YOU THINK THE OIL PRICES WILL GO DOWN?

A. I THINK THE PROBLEM OF OIL PRICES--IT WILL BE MANAGED EITHER BY GOING DOWN OR BY CREATING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO DEAL WITH THEM.

Q. DO YOU EXPECT, SECRETARY KISSINGER, TO GO ON SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS? THERE ARE REPORTS THAT YOU MIGHT THINK OF RESIGNING NOW.

A. WELL, YOU KNOW THE MAN ON THE SHIP WHO WAS SEA-SICK AND THEY SAID TO HIM, NO ONE EVER DIED OF SEA-SICKNESS. HE SAID IT'S ONLY THE HOPE OF DYING THAT IS KEEPING ME ALIVE.

Q. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO RECONCILE THE SPIRIT OF INTERDEPENDENCE WITH THE LOOSENING OF THE STATUS QUO?

A. THAT IS A VERY PROFOUND QUESTION. I THINK THAT IS A GOOD QUESTION. WE HAVE BOTH PROBLEMS. THE STRUCTURES OF THE IMMEDIATE POST-WAR PERIOD ARE LOOSENING; AT THE SAME TIME THE NEED FOR ALL NATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER HAS BECOME MUCH MORE INTENSE AND THE QUESTION YOU PUT IS, I THINK, THE BIG FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEM RIGHT NOW.

Q. DR. KISSINGER, WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS WITH OUR FOREIGN MINISTER? (OLE GULDBERG)

A. WE REVIEWED THINGS LIKE THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPEAN SECURITY AND ENERGY PROBLEMS, EUROPEAN UNITY.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW ON EUROPEAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS?

A. I THINK THEY HAVE IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY IN THE LAST YEAR AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE.

Q. ARE THEY SATISFACTORY FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW?
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A. I THINK THEY ARE QUITE SATISFACTORY.

Q. IT IS REPORTED TODAY THAT YOU ARE GOING TO CYPRUS-- THAT IS, TO ANKARA.

A. THERE IS A CHANCE THAT I WILL BE GOING TO ANKARA, BUT THAT DEPENDS ON WHAT WE FORESEE FOR A POSSIBLE OUTCOME.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN ANKARA?

A. WELL, LET US WAIT TILL I GET THERE.

Q. DO YOU PLAN A VISIT TO CHINA AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

A. YES, BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

Q. WOULD YOU ASCRIBE TO THE VIEW WHICH IS ASCRIBED
TO BY FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON THAT HISTROY WILL ABSOLVE
HIM? THAT HIS FOREIGN POLICY ROLE WILL OVERCOME WHAT
HE HAS DONE--HIS SHORTCOMINGS IN INTERNAL MATTERS?

A. I THINK HE HAS CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN
FOREIGN POLICY.

Q. AND LASTING ONES?

A. I THINK SO.
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